OPINION 1429

A ruling on the authorship and dates of the Sowerbys' *Mineral Conchology of Great Britain*

Ruling

(1) It is hereby ruled that the publication date of the pages and plates of the *Mineral Conchology of Great Britain*, 1812–1845 are to be taken as set out by Cleevely (1974).

(2) It is hereby ruled that the change of authorship from James to James de Carle Sowerby is to be taken as stated by Renevier (1855) and as indicated in the Appendix. All species described and figured in vols. 1 to 3 and vol. 4, pages 1–114 and plates 1 to 383 (parts 1–66) are to be attributed to James Sowerby and all those described and figured in subsequent pages and plates are to be attributed to James de Carle Sowerby.

History of case 2483

An application for a ruling on the authorship and dates of the Sowerby's *Mineral Conchology of Great Britain* was received from Mr C. W. Wright (*Seaborough, Dorset, U.K.*) and Mr R. J. Cleevely (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 19 July 1984. After correspondence a revised case was published in BZN **42**: 64–72 (April 1985). No comment was received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote for or against the proposals set out in BZN **42**: 66. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes — 17: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Kabata.

Holthuis was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Dupuis, Gruchy, Heppell and Starobogatov.

Dr Kabata voted against the application because he did not consider the case as being appropriate for a ruling by the Commission.

APPENDIX TO OPINION

Publication dates of the *Mineral Conchology of Great Britain*

Vol. I: 18 Parts

Part	Plates	Pages	Date
1	1–3*	i–vii, 9–16	June 1st, 1812
2	4–9	17–32	Aug. 1st
3	10–15	33–48	Feb. 1st, 1813
4	16–21	49–60	Apr. 1st
5	22–27	61–72	June 1st
6	28–33	73*–76*, 73–84	Aug. 1st
7	33 bis, 34–38	73**–84**	Oct. 1st
8	39–44	85–96	Dec. 1st
9	45–50	97–108	Feb. 1st, 1814
10	51–56	109–124	Apr. 1st
11	57–62	125–140	June 1st
12	63–67**	141–152	Aug. 1st
13	68–73	153–168	Oct. 1st
14	74–78**	169–178	Dec. 1st
15	79–84	179–194	Feb. 1st, 1815
16	85–90	195–202	Apr. 1st
17	91–96	203–218	June 1st
18	97–102	219–234, & Index to Vol. [pp. 2]	Aug. 1st

Vol. II: 17 Parts

19	103–108	1–12	Oct. 1st, 1815
	Includes Supplementary Index to Vol. I: 8		
20	109–114	13–28	Dec. 1st
21	115–120	29–44	Feb. 1st 1816
22	121–126	45–60	Apr. 1st
23	127–132	61–72	June 1st
24	133–138	[73–84] = 77–78	Aug. 1st
25	139–144	85–100	Oct. 1st
26	145–150	101–116	Dec. 1st
27	151–156	117–128	Feb. 1st, 1817
28	157–162	129–140	Apr. 1st
29	163–168	141–154	June 1st
30	169–174	155–166	Aug. 1st
31	175–180	167–178	Oct. 1st
32	181–184, 184A, 185–186φ	179–194	Dec. 1st
33	187–192	195–210	Feb. 1st, 1818
34	193–198	211–224	Apr. 1st
35	199–203**	225–235 & Index to Vol. II: [237–239]	June 1st

N.B. Supplementary Index to Vol. II (pp. 240–251) appeared in No. 38 (Dec. 1st, 1818).

Vol. III: 18 Parts

36	204–209	1–16	Aug. 1st, 1818
37	210–215	17–28	Oct. 1st
38	216–221	29–40	Dec. 1st
39	222–227	41–48	Feb. 1st, 1819
40	228–233	49–58	Apr. 1st
41	234–239	59–68	June 1st
42	240–245	69–80	Aug. 1st
43	246–248*	81–88	Oct. 1st
44	249–253**	89–98	Dec. 1st
45	254–259	99–106	Feb. 1st, 1820
46	260–265	107–118	Apr. 1st
47	266–271	119–126	May 1st
48	272–277	127–138	May 1st, 1821
49	278–283	139–150	June 1st
50	284–289	151–162	July 1st
51	290–294**	163–166, 166*–167*	
		167–170	Aug. 1st
52	295–300	171–178	Sept. 1st
53	301–306	179–184 & Index to Vol. III: [185–186]	Oct. 1st

Supplementary Index to Vol. III published in No. 61 (June 1st, 1822): 187–194

Vol. IV: 17 Parts

54	307–312	1–8	Nov. 1st, 1821
55	313–318	9–16	Dec. 1st
56	319–324	17–24	Jan. 1st, 1822
57	325–330	25–32	Feb. 1st
58	331–336	33–44	Mar. 1st
59	337–342	45–56	Apr. 1st
60	343–348	57–68	May 1st
61	349–354	69–76	June 1st
62	355–359**	77–82	July 1st
63	360–365	83–90	Aug. 1st
64	366–371	89b, 91–96	Sept. 1st
65	372–377	97–104	Oct. 1st
66	378–383	105–114	Nov. 1st

Species described in the above parts are to be attributed to James Sowerby, and in those below to James de Carle Sowerby

67	384–388**	115–122	Jan. 1st, 1823
68	389–394	123–130	Feb. 1st
69	395–400	131–138	Apr. 1st
70	401–407φ	139–148 & Index to Vol. IV: [149–151]	May 1st

Supplementary Index to Vol. IV published in No. 73 (Aug. 1st 1823): 153–160

Vol. V: 16 Parts

71	408–413	1–12	June 1st, 1823
72	414–419	13–20	July 1st
73	420–425	21–32	Aug. 1st
74	426–431	33–40	Sept. 1st
75	432–437	41–48	Nov. 1st
76	438–443	49–64	Dec. 1st
77	445–450	65–72	Jan. 1st, 1824
78	*444, 451–455	63*–64*, 73–78	Mar. 1st
79	456–461	79–90	Apr. 1st
80	462–467	91–98	May 1st
81	468–473	99–114	Aug. 1st
82	474–479	115–130	Nov. 1st
83	480–485	131–138	Dec. 1st
84	486–491	139–144	Mar. 1st, 1825
85	492–497	145–152	May 1st
86	498–503	153–168 & Index to Vol. V: [169–171]	Sept. 1st

* Note on cover = "this table was accidentally passed over in No. 77, which should have begun with it".

Vol. VI: 19 parts

87	504–509	1–12	Feb. 1st, 1826
88	510–515	13–28	Mar. 1st
89	516–521	29–36	Apr. 1st
90	522–527	37–44	May 1st
91	528–533	45–50	July 1st
92	534–539	51–76	Sept. 1st
93	540–545	77–86	Nov. 1st
94	546–551	87–96	Jan. 1st, 1827
95	552–557	97–108	Mar. 1st
96	558–562**	109–120	May 1st
97	563–568	121–132	Aug. 1st
98	569–574	133–140	Sept. 1st
99	575–580	141–156	Nov. 1st
100	581–586	157–164	Jan. 1st, 1828
101	587–591	165–184	June 1st
102	592–597	185–200	Aug. 1st
103	598–603	201–214	Jan. 1st, 1829
104	604–609	215–230, Title & Index to Vol. VI: [231–235]	July 1st, 1829
105	Portrait of James Sowerby: Preface to the General Indexes and the Systematical Index to the Six volumes by J. de C. Sowerby: [239]–250 Aug. 1st, 1835.		

Vol. VII: 8 Parts

106	610–613†	Alphabetical Index to the first 6 vols: 1–11	March 1840
107	614–618**	1–8	Oct. 1840
108	619–623**	9–16	Mar. 1841
109	624–628**	17–24	Feb. 1843
110	629–633**	25–40	Jan. 1844
111	634–638**	41–48	Mar. 1844
112	639–643**	49–56	Nov. 1844
113	644–648	57–80	Jan. 1846

All parts contain 6 pls, except for those marked * = 3, ** = 5, φ = 7, † = 4